

# STATE WILL NOT RENT

The Proposition of Mills and Finlayson Was Declined.

## PRISON DIRECTORS MEET

The Widow of General Branch in a Critical Condition—General Carr Writes Encouragingly About Proposed Confederate Reunion.

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RALPHIGH, N. C., September 2.—The State council and directors on the part of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad to-day declined to accept the proposition from W. W. Mills and H. L. Finlayson to lease the road for a term of fifty years. The terms were to assume the floating debt, pay interest on mortgage and pay a flat interest of 2 per cent. on stock.

Mills and Finlayson represent a railroad company, the name of which they do not divulge. They also propose to obligate themselves to extend the road fifty miles west from Goldsboro.

J. A. Bryan, president of the road, advised the State officers he lease it, but they agreed almost unanimously that the State should continue to control the road for the protection of the property and the interests of the people in the section it traverses.

## PRISON DIRECTORY.

The directors of the State prison were in monthly session to-day. The affairs of the prison are stated to be in excellent condition. The outlook for crops on the State farm is very fine.

The condition of Mrs. L. O. B. Branch, widow of the late gallant Confederate General, continues to be a source of grave anxiety to her friends. Because of her advanced age and increasing weakness, the greatest apprehension as to her recovery is felt.

General J. B. Carr writes that he regards the outlook very fine for a complete success in the reunion and encampment of North Carolina Confederate veterans here during the State Fair. He expects 8,000 old soldiers to be in camp.

## BAPTIST UNIVERSITY.

The Baptist Female University opened with 18 students present. All those registered are expected to arrive within the next few days.

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# THE REPORT IS DENIED

General Uprising Is Said Not to Have Taken Place.

## RUMORS OF ALL SORTS

Bulgarians Threatened With Starvation. Vessel Blown Up and Twenty-Nine Persons Killed—Adrianople Said to Be Burning.

(By Associated Press.)

SOFIA, BULGARIA, September 2.—The report published by the Dnevnik of a general uprising in northern Macedonia is denied both in official and revolutionary circles. Well informed persons, however, assert that the report was correct, but that its premature publication disarranged the plans of the revolutionists, and, therefore, it is denied.

According to reliable reports from Monastir, thousands of Bulgarians in that village are confronted with famine. In addition Turkish persecution. Thousands of persons are continually arriving from Monastir complaining of the attitude of Philistines and the Turkish atrocities.

The news is published here of an eight-hour fight which occurred at the village of Smilovo, August 28th, between 400 insurgents and eight battalions of Turkish troops, supported by artillery. Thirty-five insurgents are reported to have been killed, while sixty Turks were killed or wounded.

On the following day the Turks returned and burned the village. Seven other villages in the neighborhood are said to have also been burned by the Turks.

According to a Salonica dispatch, August 30th, the Bulgarian insurgents sustained a serious reverse at Smilovo, August 28th, when one thousand of them were said to have been killed, while the Turkish losses were insignificant.

## THREE EXPLOSIONS

Twenty-Nine Persons Killed and the Steamer Set on Fire.

(By Associated Press.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 2.—Three explosions occurred to-day on the Austrian steamer Vaskapu soon after leaving the harbor of Constantinople. The vessel caught fire and had to be beached. A telegram, conveying this news, was received by the agent here of the Hungarian Levant Line, to which the Vaskapu belongs. The telegram said the Vaskapu had been destroyed in the Black Sea. The captain and officers of the steamer and six of her crew were killed, a total of twenty-nine lives being lost. The Vaskapu sailed from Varna, Bulgaria, and after calling at Burgas, was steaming through the Bosphorus when the explosions took place on board. The deck of the vessel took fire and she had to be run ashore at Misirli. By, eighteen miles north of Burgas, where she is still burning.

The Vaskapu had been leased to the Hungarian Levant Steamship Company, of Fiume, Austria, and has been engaged in the Black Sea service. She was built in Newcastle in 1881 and was a steamer of 1,076 tons. She was 220 feet long and thirty-six feet beam and a depth of 7 feet.

## To Destroy Bridges.

(By Associated Press.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 2.—According to government advices, Colonel Janikoff, the insurgent leader, who, with a strong following is operating southward of Demotika, has been entrusted with the task of destroying the larger bridges of the railroads running from Demotika on the south coast, to Kuleli Burgas, over the Maritza and Arda Rivers, so as to cut off communications with the Bulgarians from the south and delay the troops who are on their way to the threatened city. The government believes it has taken measures which will bring about a speedy and, it is hoped, decisive, battle with the insurgent forces commanded by Colonel Janikoff. The police officials were in constant communication with the authorities at Adrianople throughout Monday, formulating plans to master the situation in the Vardar.

## Outrages Projected.

(By Associated Press.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 2.—The Porte has sent a note to the foreign embassies and legations informing them that, according to police information, the Bulgarian agitators are projecting outrages against the embassies, legations and other public buildings in Constantinople. The note says the Ottoman government has taken precautions and requests the other public missions to do likewise.

## Adrianople Burning.

(By Associated Press.)

VIENNA, Sept. 2.—The Belgrade papers to-night are again spreading sensational rumors that a portion of the town of Adrianople has been burned, and that the other part is burning. No confirmation of these reports is obtainable.

## News of Railroads.

Tourist travel was lighter than usual yesterday, judging from the hotel registers, all of which were smaller than usual for mid-week.

At the Jefferson the following arrivals are chronicled: J. W. Coupland and Nathaniel Haven, New York; W. H. Gaston, Rocky Mount, N. C.; C. Alphons Smith, Chapel Hill, N. C.; J. P. Palmer, Chattanooga, Tenn. The New Yorks were Dr. Ira M. Hardy, Washington, N. C.; Dr. H. B. Smart, Ellensburg, W. D.; W. Randolph, Dr. J. W. Nottingham, Eastville, Va.; Dr. R. S. Wiley, Clifton Forge, Va.; Mrs. Benjamin Low Moor, Va.; Mrs. Bullard, Ronceverte, W. Va.; Bert Hoss, Norfolk, Va.; D. W. Boswell, Grundy, Va.; Daniel and H. B. Daniel, Roanoke; T. B. Johnson, South Boston; C. E. Norvell, Virginia; J. H. Simmonds, King William county; J. W. Johnson, Bedford City; W. F. Williams, Portsmouth; A. C. Brown, Norfolk; J. L. Collins, Norfolk; Thomas H. King, Manassas; At the Union Hotel the following arrivals are chronicled: J. J. Powell, Portsmouth; W. A. Parsons, Vinita; Thomas H. Stival, Newport News; W. P. Houshian, Staunton.

## BIG COTTON CROP IN BRITISH AFRICA

(By Associated Press.)

LAGOS, BRITISH WEST AFRICA, Sept. 2.—The development of the cotton trade in the interior is so great that the railroad officials have been obliged to run extra trains in order to bring down the large supplies to the coast. There is every prospect of a further increase in the cultivation of cotton.

## NEW YORK—The Metropolitan Line

steamship, Whitney, bound for Boston, was in collision in the East River to-day with the tugboat Scorpion. The Scorpion struck the Whitney on the starboard bow about seven feet above the water line, and the other two above.

# DEAD JOHNNY BEARS

# HOT FINISH IN HENRICO

(Continued From First Page.)

the hall and compelling his competitors to lead off each time. The speaker devoted much time to explaining the duties of the office, which he declared, was one of the most important to be chosen. Throckmorton said he had lived in the county; had practiced his profession among the people, and was well-known as a competent man for the place he sought.

He promised to discharge the duties faithfully, if elected, and appealed earnestly to the hearers to vote for him. Mr. Throckmorton spoke at some length, although it was now nearly 11 o'clock, and many of the other candidates were yet to speak.

When he had concluded there were loud calls for Mr. Wendenburg, and it was some moments before he could proceed. He commenced by saying: "If this sudden outbreak is intended as a compliment to me, then say to my opponents, 'Peace be unto the dead.'"

This started the crowd to shouting again, and there was applause now and then as people proceeded. He devoted some time to reviewing his record at the bar, and declared that if elected to the office, he would administer his duties fairly and without fear or favor. Mr. Wendenburg laid stress upon the importance of the office, and said he had been in active and successful practice as a criminal lawyer for nineteen years, and had a right to appeal upon the record to the people. The speaker took several whacks at his competitors, but he did it in a good-natured way, and kept his audience in his spirits.

Mr. Wendenburg's closing appeal was quite a pretty one, and he stirred his hearers to enthusiasm as he exhorted them to rally to his standard on the morrow. When Mr. Wendenburg had concluded the meeting adjourned, though there were loud calls for Hon. Thos. W. Gardner, who had just entered the hall.

AT HARDIN'S SHOP. There was a rousing meeting at Hardin's shop, at which most of the candidates spoke. It is estimated that two hundred voters were present, and the enthusiasm prevailing was such that there was no disturbance of any kind. The utmost good feeling was evident on all sides, and there was no abuse of one candidate by another.

## WHY OYSTERS ARE SO LATE THIS YEAR

Many persons have wondered why so few Virginia oysters are coming to market, and the Baltimore dealers are lamenting the scarcity of the bivalves on that market. So far as Virginia is concerned the matter is easily explained. The General Assembly last April passed a statute amending the law as to the closed season for taking oysters. Here is the way the amended section reads:

"Chapter 170 (approved April 24, 1903): Limitation as to the time of taking oysters and in relation to patent tongers. It shall not be lawful for any person to take or catch oysters from any of the natural oyster beds, rocks and shoals, in any of the waters of this Commonwealth, with tongs or in any other way, from the last day of April until the 15th day of September of each year, or any time to use or employ patent tongers for the purpose of taking or catching oysters, or shells from the natural rocks, beds or shoals."

Twelve days must elapse, therefore, before it will be lawful to take oysters in the waters of the State.

## POLICE BOARD

Regular Meeting Held Yesterday Instead of To-Day.

The Police Board met yesterday evening and transacted routine business. The meeting was held instead of to-day, the usual day, at the request of several members who had other business. Sixteen of the old officers were re-elected.

## Bad Freight Wreck.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., September 2.—A bad freight wreck occurred on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad in the outskirts of Hope Mills, seven miles south of this city, to-day. A negro, name unknown, was killed and a white man known as Arthur was injured. The wreck occurred in a broken mass.

## Elks' Moonlight.

The Elks' moonlight excursion to be given on the evening of the 10th instant, was given by the organization. The Elks' Band will dispose of the music on this occasion.

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